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SUBJECT: REMAINS OF JEWISH HOLY MAN

UPON REQUEST OF OFFICE CONGRESSMAN L. W. WOLFF, ARP
OFFICER MET MARCH 8 WITH RABBI I. MOWSHOWITZ, REPRESENTATIVE TO UN OF SYNAGOGUE COUNCIL OF AMERICA.
MOWSHOWITZ SOUGHT DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN APPROACH TO
YARG AIMED AT GAINING PERMISSION FOR DISINTERMENT AND
TRANSPORT TO ISRAEL OF REMAINS OF SHALOM SHABAZI, WHOM
MOWSHOWITZ DESCRIBED AS MAN HIGHLY REVERED BY YEMENI JEWS
AS HOLY MAN, POET AND SAINT. MOWSHOWITZ SAID, IF PERMISSION WAS GRANTED, HE WOULD PERSONALLY VISIT YAR TO
ESCORT REMAINS TO ISRAEL, PROBABLY VIA CYPRUS. HE
VOLUNTEERED THAT, IN SO DOING, HE COULD INFORMALLY INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS OF YEMENI JEWS, BUT HE INSISTED THIS
"HIDDEN AGENDA" WAS LESS IMPORTANT THAN TRANSFER OF
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SHABAZI REMAINS. ARP ASKED FOR MORE DETAILED BACKGROUND ON
HOLY MAN, AGREED TO SEEK APPOINTMENT FOR MOWSHOWITZ AT YAR
EMBASSY, AND PROVIDED MOWSHOWITZ WITH COPY OF RANSOM MEMORANDUM OF DEC. 12, 1976, CONCERNING LIFE OF JEWS REMAINING
IN YAR.

2. MOWSHOWITZ LATER REPORTED THAT AT MARCH 14 MEETING WITH

YAR EMBASSY COUNSELLOR AL-KIBSI, MOWSHOWITZ HAD MADE STRONG CASE IN FAVOR OF HIS REQUEST, STRESSING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING NOT FOR ISRAEL GOVERNMENT, BUT FOR YEMENI JEWS LIVING IN ISRAEL. AL-KIBSI, WHO, MOWSHOWITZ SAID, SEEMED PERSONALLY SYMPATHETIC, QUESTIONED WHETHER SUCH DISINTERMENTS WERE LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE BUT HE UNDERTOOK TO RELAY REQUEST TO YAR FOREIGN MINISTRY.

3. FOREGOING FYI IN CASE YARG RAISES MATTER WITH EMBASSY.
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